

January 14th 1851.
Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management,
Present Mr. J. M. A. (A. S. Hurd), Patterson, Dow,
Edwards, Bond to Morrison, Craig, Smith, Rollings,
Barwick & King.
D. C. Macantherley, P. P. in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read
and confirmed.

A Letter was read from Messrs. Langford and
Langford requesting the Committee of Management to
franchise the additional rent proposed to be charged for
the use of the Lecture Hall, for a Sunday School
when it was moved by Mr. Edwards
Seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

That the terms proposed by the Committee at its
last Monthly Meeting, and communicated to Messrs. Langford
and Langford by the Hon. Secretary be referred to
the Sub-Committee, appointed to report upon the
probable expense of erecting an iron railing in front
of the Institution presented an estimate of the outlay - per
Tender, the same being greater than the Institution could
at present spare for that purpose - the motion there was
postponed to a future period.

The Sub-Committee appointed to draw up the Report
for the year 1850 - (presented to the Meeting Copy of said
Report, the same having been read) and duly considered
It was moved by Mr. Patterson

Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried -

That the report now read and amended be
accepted by this Committee, to be submitted to the Members
at their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 29th
The Gentlemen composing the Sub-Committee appointed
to report upon the present position and future prospects
of the Music Class, not being prepared so to do - the matter
was requested to lie over -

A vote of £ 3.0.0. was made to the Library Committee
for the purpose of enabling them to effect certain

alterations and extensions in the Library, considered necessary from
the great increase in the number of Books purchased on behalf
of the Society.

An order was likewise given for the remittance of a Bank
Draft for the amount of a not-delivered and 6 mos. subscription in
advance of the Reading Journal,
issued on account of the Reading Room.

The following acct. were ordered to be paid - G. Arnold Books
£11.10.9. Book Binding £6.1.11. Books £5.0.10. Daily News £8.2.6
Argus office £1.15.0. Herald office £7.2.0. Jackson & Co. £19.14.2
Petty cash £1.13.1. W. Crackwell " 4/- W. Walker £16.0.0

The following Donations were then made to the Library -
viz. Memoirs of Thomas Wilson. 1 vol. Liberty of Conscience 1 vol.
by Mr. Hopkins - Paley's Theology with notes by Lord Brougham
2 vols - by G. M. Gilbert.

The undersigned Gentlemen were duly elected Members
of the Institution - viz. Messrs. L. C. Riddell, F. Wilkinson,
J. B. Main, E. St. James, G. P. Ball, J. M. E. Hall.

G. A. Gilbert Chairman

January 29th 1851

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management,
Present Mr. J. M. A. Smith, A. S. Hurd, King, Dow, Patterson, Martin,
Barwick, Edwards, Crook, King, Rollings, Craig,
Mr. A. S. Hurd P. P. in the Chair.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter which had been received from
His Honor the Superintendent stating in reply to a letter from the
Committee that an order had been issued for the payment of
of the Government's grant for the year 1851 of £ 155 to some
as the necessary vouchers were presented at the Treasury.

It was moved by Mr. King
Seconded by Mr. Patterson and carried - That the thanks of the
Committee be forwarded to His Honor the Superintendent for his kind assistance
in obtaining the annual Government grant to the Institution -
That Mr. Beckett, C. Cook, J. Challance, J. H. Brown, J. M. Phipps were admitted
Members, the clocking then separated. G. A. Gilbert Chairman

January 29th 1851

Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne
School of Arts.

Report of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution
and School of Arts for the year 1850.

The period having now arrived when it becomes the
duty of your Committee to render an account of their proceedings
during the past year, they beg to lay before the members
this, the eleventh Annual Report of the Melbourne Mechanics
Institution and School of Arts, which they are gratified to find exhibits
such very satisfactory evidence of the rapid progress the Institution
is making in public estimation and its increasing usefulness
as to fully warrant them in congratulating the members on
the very encouraging prospects which are opening up to them.

Your Committee's report of last year shewed the
total number of the members of the Institution as then amounting
to 384. Since that period the number has increased to 451
being an addition during the year of 67 and it gives your
Committee much satisfaction to observe that a large number
of the members recently admitted are respectable trades men
and mechanics the class of persons for whom benefit such
institutions were specially intended but who have (not
here to say exhibited) so warm an interest in the prosperity
of this Institution as was wished and expected.

The Committee have much pleasure in informing
the members that the Financial position of the Institution
may now be considered as satisfactory.

Abstract of the Treasurers accounts for the year
1850

Receipts	Balance from previous year	51. 14 2
	Entrance Fees from new Members	61. 5 .
	Subscriptions for the year	284. 18. 4
	Donations in aid of the funds of the Institution	5. 10 .
	Rents for use of Building	154. . 6 .
	Proceeds of Lectures and catalogues	6. 2 .
x	Received to account of Debt of £110, due by the Associates	7. 14. 6
	Annual grant from Government	150. . .
		<u>£ 491. 16 .</u>

Disbursements	Account of Mortgage Paid off	200 . . .
	Current expenses including interest on Mortgage	245. 3. 10
	Books, Periodicals and newspapers for Library and Reading Room	148. 9. 6
	Furniture	17. 11. 6
	Steps and Dwarf wall, and repairs of Building	41. 3. 6
	Diagrams for Lectures	3. 3 .
	Balance in Bank	6. 4. 8
		<u>£ 491. 16 .</u>

The revenue of the past year having exceeded the estimated amount by £66. 2. 6 and a sum of £200. having been paid towards the liquidation of the mortgage which is now reduced to £600. and is the only debt due by the Institution.

Your committee have no cause to anticipate any falling off in the income of this year, on the contrary they have every reason to hope that a progressive accession will take place in the number of members by which the revenue will be increased.

The committee in recommending to the members the appropriation of the revenue for the ensuing year will therefore presume that the sum to be realised will amount to

£650. 0. 0

It being understood that in the event of the current expenses not amounting to the sum stated

or the Revenue exceeding the sum estimated, the Committee will appropriate such surplus to the general advancement of the Institution, and they propose that it be expended as follows.

Current Expenses and Interest on Mortgage	300 . .
Books Periodicals &c	150 . .
Liquidation of Mortgage	100 . .
Accounts due	69 8 6
Lectures apparatus and incidental expenses	100 11 6
	<u>£ 650 . .</u>

I am proposing the appropriation of the revenue as shewn the committee have increased the sum to be appropriated to the purchase of Books and Periodicals to £150. (the amount voted last year being £125.) conceiving it most desirable to extend and improve the efficiency of this branch of the Institution by every means in their power, and they have also proposed that the sum of £100. should be appropriated to the liquidation of the mortgage as recommended by them in their Report of January 1849.

Having now exhibited the financial position and prospects of the Institution your committee will briefly advert to the progress which has been made in securing the efficiency of the various departments of the Institution.

The Library, has received during the year an accession of 348 volumes by purchase and 34 by donations making a total number of volumes open to the perusal of the members, a very large proportion of which are in almost constant circulation. Now contained in the Library and open to the perusal of the members 4055. and a very large proportion are in almost constant circulation.

Though a somewhat heterogeneous collection owing partly to its being principally made up of donations and partly to the difficulty of procuring suitable works in the colony, your committee are happy to be enabled to report that the Library contains a large and rapidly increasing collection of valuable and standard works well suited to the requirements of such an Institution, your committee have been

unremittingly in their exertions for the extension and improvement of the Library, and their purchases of new works during the year have gone to the utmost limits the funds of the Institution would admit of.

The Reading Room is now abundantly and regularly supplied with British and Colonial Newspapers and Periodicals, and it is gratifying to observe from the large number of Members and Visitors daily frequenting the Reading Room that the efforts of your Committee to render this department of the Institution both useful and attractive, are not unacknowledged or unappreciated.

Your Committee regret that it is not in their power to report any improvement in the position of the Museum, the importance of this highly interesting and instructive branch of the operations of the Institution is neither unrecognized nor disregarded, but while the building continues to be occupied as a Lecture Hall, and for other purposes, it is impossible that the Museum can be extended and your Committee therefore do not feel themselves warranted in proposing the incurring the additional expenditure which would be required to place this department of the Institution in the requisite state of efficiency.

Your Committee have great pleasure in stating that they have not during the past year experienced the same difficulty as heretofore in procuring the delivery of Lectures at during the last session, they were fortunate enough to obtain lectures on the different subjects enumerated in the Appendix which were generally well attended, and were received.

Your Committee feel that the Members of the Institution owe a deep debt of gratitude to the different Gentlemen who have so kindly given their services as lecturers.

It will now devolve upon the Meeting to proceed in conformity with the rules of the Institution, with the election of the office bearers for the ensuing year and to supply the vacancies in the Committee of Management occasioned by the

retirement by rotation of the following Gentlemen (viz) Messrs Barwick, Craig, Edwards, King, Patterson, & H. H. and the Rev. A. Morrison, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The Report having been read it was moved by Mr. Secombe and carried that the Report now read be received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Watson

Seconded by Mr. Pritchard and carried unanimously.

That a sufficient number of copies of the Report be printed for circulation among the Members of the Institution.

The Election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with -

A letter having been read from Jas. Simpson Esq. stating his desire to resign as President of the Institution in consequence of his inability to discharge the duties as fully as he could wish.

Moved by Mr. Patterson

Seconded by Mr. Dow and carried. That His Honor the Supreme - Court - His Honor the Resident Judge, His Worship the Mayor, and James Simpson Esq. be the Patrons of the Institution for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. Edwards

Seconded by Mr. Young and carried. That D. C. McArthur Esq. be elected President of the Institution.

Moved by Mr. Edwards

Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried. That George Alley Esq. be elected Vice President of the Institution.

Moved by Mr. Edwards

Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried. That Mr. J. J. Langlands Esq. be elected Vice President of the Institution.

Moved by Mr. Pritchard

Seconded by Mr. Nicholson and carried. That Mr. James Craig Esq. be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. Wood

Seconded by Mr. Young and carried. That Mr. J. J. Langlands and G. Pritchard be elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. Edwards

Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried. That as the ancient College of Law

did not recognize the office of Secretary and as the same is now vacated by the election of Mr. Gilbert as Vice President, there is no one to be filled up.

The election of Councils was next proceeded with so that it was done by Mr. O'Sullivan.

Resolved by Mr. O'Sullivan and carried: "That the following Gentlemen be elected as Councils for the ensuing year."

W. Gilbert Esq. Department of Medicine Arts &

A. H. Green Esq. Zoology and Mineralogy

J. P. Smith Esq. Zoology and Botany

Rev. A. Morrison Esq. Chemical and Philosophical Department

J. C. King Esq. Antiquarian and Miscellaneous Departments

of the Museum.

The election of members of Committee was then proceeded with. The retiring Members were

Mr. Parnick, Mr. Craig, J. Edwards, J. C. King, Rev. A. Morrison

James Patton, J. G. M. Smith. The Gentlemen declared to be

elected in their places were Mr. Parnick (re-elected) Mr. Patton

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hood, Parnick, re-elected, & Farrell, G. B. Hoies

Moved by Mr. O'Sullivan

Seconded by Mr. Patton and Carried: "That the thanks of the

Members of the Institution be presented to the Patrons and

several Members of Committee who have rendered their

services to the Institution during the last year.

A vote of thanks having been presented to Mr. O'Sullivan

for his conduct as Chairman of the collecting expedition.

James A. Murray
President

4th February 1851.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management
of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution
Present Messrs Parnick, Crook, Dow, Edwards,
Gilbert, Hodgeson, Know, O'Sullivan, Paterson, Smith,
and Wharton, Mr Gilbert Chairman

The Minutes of the former Meeting having
been read and confirmed.

A Letter was read from Mr Dalton acknowledging
the receipt of £51.19.2, which had been transmitted
him on the 25th of March 1850.

Tenders for printing the Report for 1850—
were then opened, when it was

Moved by Mr Hodgeson?

Seconded by Mr Dow } and carried

"That the Tender from the Angus office
be accepted, being the lowest, say £4.5 for 500-
copies."

Moved by Mr Paterson?

Seconded by Mr Hodgeson } and carried

"That Messrs M. Arthur, Edwards, Parnick,
Hood, and Dow, be appointed as Lecturer Committee
for the present year, 3 to form a quorum."

Moved by Mr Parnick?

Seconded by Mr Edwards } and carried

"That Messrs Gilbert, Paterson, Know,
Kerr and O'Sullivan, be appointed as Library Committee
for the present year 3 to form a quorum."

Moved by Mr Smith?

Seconded by Mr Parnick } and carried

"That the sum of £100, be paid off as a
further sum to the Savings Bank on account of
the Mortgage"

Moved by Mr Smith?

Seconded by Mr Wharton } and carried

"That the sum of £50 be remitted to
W. H. Dalton on account of Periodicals and Newspapers &c."

Moved by Mr Edwards }
Seconded by Mr Smith } and carried
"That Mr William Roycraft be
appointed Secretary to the Institution at a salary
of £100. per annum."

Moved by Mr Paterson }
Seconded by Mr Barwick } and carried
"That Messrs M Arthur, Barwick,
Edwards, Dow and Smith be appointed as a sub-
committee to frame a set of resolutions for
the guidance of the Secretary and to report to next
meeting of committee."

The following accounts were then passed and
ordered to be paid, viz W Roycraft £8.6.8, Boy £1.13.4
Scotts Art Union £2.2. Petty cash £1.6.9.

The undermentioned Gentlemen were duly
elected Members of the Institution viz Messrs
John Hunter, W Thompson & Andrew Ross.

The Meeting then separated.
D. Clark Secretary
President

7th March 1851

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of
Management of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution
Present Messrs M Arthur, Gilbert
Barwick, Dow, Hood, Isaac, Nield, Nixon, O'Connell,
Smith and Whartow Paterson
Mr M Arthur Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having
been read and confirmed.

The sub-committee appointed to draw up a
code of Rules, defining the duties of the Secretary, then
laid the same before the meeting, which having
been read, it was

Moved by Mr Hood }
Seconded by Mr Nield } and carried
"That the Report of the sub-committee
now read, as corrected be adopted."

The President then brought up the
Report of the Lecture committee, first reading the
minutes of the several meetings held by them during
the month, enumerating the several Gentlemen
who had promised to lecture during the season,
as also a recommendation from that committee
that the sum of £30. should be appropriated for
the payment of Lecturers &c. it was:

Moved by Mr Paterson }
Seconded by Mr Gilbert } and carried
"It being apparent that the income for
the present year will considerably exceed the amount
estimated I beg to move that the sum of £30. be placed
at the disposal of the Lecture committee to be appropriated
by them to the payment of Lecturers and to the purchase
of the requisite apparatus and Diagrams."

A Letter was then read, from James
Whitson Esq. thanking the committee for the
honour they had conferred on him by electing him one
of the patrons of the Institution.

A Letter was also read from Mr J. Foster
proposing to establish a fencing class, the acceptance
of which was for the present declined, for want
of sufficient accommodation.

The following accounts were then duly passed
and ordered to be paid, viz Books £5.4. ditto from
Francis and Son £6.3.1. A Turner, for shoes £3. Quills £5.12.6
W Roycraft 8.6.8. David Moffat £1.13.4 - Petty cash 1/6

The undermentioned Gentlemen were
then elected members of the Institution viz -

W. J. Brooks, B. Williams, M. J. Mevey, Edw Jones.
J. M. Wilson, J. J. France, Edw Wood, John Cooke,
Edw. Bucknall, W. M. Cropper, W. Waugh, J. Burns
R. Chadwick, R. Wade, E. M. Woodford, M. Mackel
Geo Kirk, Wm Norton

The Meeting then separated
Wm Cropper
Chairman

11th March 1857

At a Special Meeting of the committee of
Management of the mechanics' Institution

Present Messrs Craig, Brook, Dow, Gilbert
Kerr, J. France, Paterson, Rollings and Wharton
Mr Craig, Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having
been read and confirmed

In accordance with the 26th Rule of the
Society the following resolution which was arrived
at at the last meeting, was again duly.

Moved by Mr Paterson {

Seconded by Mr Gilbert } And carried

"It being apparent that the income
of the present year will considerably exceed the amount
estimated, I beg to move that the sum of £50. be
placed at the disposal of the Lecture committee
to be appropriated by them to the payment of
Lecturers and to the purchase of the requisite
apparatus and Diagrams."

It was then proposed that the names
of the several Periodicals and newspapers now
received in the Institution, be read over, and such
alterations and additions be introduced as may
be considered necessary.

The following list was then made, and adopted.

Periodicals
Edinburgh Review
Quarterly Review
North British Review
Blackwood's Magazine
Reutley's Miscellany
Colburn's 2^d
D^o United Service
Dublin University Magazine
Peoples' Journal
Fairs Magazine
Chambers' Edinburgh Journal

Art Union Magazine
Civil Engineer and Architects
Magazine
Glasgow Practical Mechanics
and Engineer's Magazine
Mechanics' Magazine
New Army List
New Navy List
Pharmaceutical Journal
School of Design.
Publications from the Rae
Society

British Newspapers

London Times
Liverpool Albion
Glasgow Herald
Dublin Evening Mail
Cork Southern Reporter
Scotsman
Illustrated London News
Ladies Newspaper
Punch
Tablet
Atlas

Athenaeum
Lancet
Builder
Non-conformist
Household Words
Household Narrative
Law Times
Spectator
Economist
+ Britannia
+ Weekly Despatch

it was

Moved by Mr Paterson {
Seconded by Mr Wharton } And carried

"That Mr Gilbert be requested to
draw out a circular letter addressed to the various
scientific and Literary Associations of Britain
representing our wants and soliciting their assistance
by contributions to the Institution"

The following notice of Motion was placed
on the Books by Mr W Kerr, viz)
"That the rejection from the list of

newspapers supplied to the Reading room of any newspaper from the north of Ireland is highly unjudicious, and be therefore re-considered

The Meeting then Separated
~~Mr. Craig~~
Chairman

8th April 1857

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution

Present Messrs Barwick, Craig, Edwards, Gilbert, Hailes, Hodgeson, Know, O'Hanell, Paterson, Rollings, Smith and Wharton.

Mr Craig Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Lecture Committee were also read and approved of, when it was

Moved by Mr Gilbert }
Seconded by Mr Hodgeson } And Carried

"It being desirable that a Lecture Hall should be built to meet the requirements of the members, that the Committee recognizing the same do proceed to obtain the necessary funds by public subscription, but on no account to increase the liabilities of the Institution or in any way to affect the present Mortgage, it was then

Moved by Mr Hodgeson }
Seconded by Mr Paterson } And Carried

"That the following Members of Committee be requested to act together in canvassing the different Wards of the City in order to raise a sufficient fund to carry out the last resolution."

Lonsdale ward	Lalorbe ward	Bourke ward	Gipps ward
Messrs M. Arthur and Craig.	Messrs Mood. and Hailes.	Messrs Dow. and Barwick.	Messrs Know. and Rollings.
Messrs Hodgeson and Gilbert.	Messrs Barwick and Wharton.	Messrs O'Hanell and Edwards.	Messrs Brock. and Paterson.

Moved by Mr Paterson }
Seconded by Mr Know } And Carried

"That Messrs M. Arthur, Hodgeson and Gilbert be requested to draw up a heading for such subscription list the same to be printed."

A Donation was made to the Library by Mr J. Blackburn of 2 vols of W. Ivorys Sketch Book.

The following accounts were then duly passed and ordered to be paid, viz Interest on Mortgage £22.18.3
Lown rate £3.15. Postoffice for Box £2.2. W. Lutteridge £1.11.9
Books £2.12.11. Mr White for Lectures £2.2. Mr Small for do £2.2.
H. Roycraft salary £8.6.8. W. Robins do £1.13.4. German Paper 1/-
Petty cash £1.1.3. J. Goode 4/2.

The undermentioned Gentlemen were then elected Members of the Institution, viz

Messrs J. A. Frazer, W. Knecht, Rich. Naines, M. Arthur, J. Woodward, J. E. Johnson, Rev. W. P. East, Fr. Payne, J. Butler, J. L. Mitchell, J. A. Richardson, W. Tagg, John Harrison, W. Gilmore, Tho. Lata and Mat. Holmes, John Chimside, Alf. Fellows, E. M. Dyre, G. S. Walker, & Dr. Ritter.

The Meeting then Separated

G. A. Gilbert
Chairman

13th May 1851

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution

Present Messrs Barwick, Craig, Crook, Edwards, Lilburt, Hood, Mason, Paterson and Rollings.

Mr Lilburt Chairman

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed.

A Letter was read from Mr King resigning his office of Curator of the Antiquarian and Miscellaneous Department, it was,

Moved by Mr Edwards }
Seconded by Mr Paterson } and carried

"That the resignation of Mr King be accepted."

A Letter was also read from Mr Rogers stating he was preparing a 2nd Lecture which was referred to the Lecture Committee

An account from Mr Dalton the London agent was laid before the Meeting, shewing a balance of £23. 13. 8. due to the 31 of December 1850, the payment of which, and also the remittance of money to Mr George Cooper for Books were ordered to be considered at next meeting, it was then

Moved by Mr Hood }
Seconded by Mr Paterson } and carried

"That the Fire Relief Committee be charged the sum of Twenty pounds Sterling for the use they made of the Hall"

Concert Committee

appointed

notice of

motion

Lamp for
the
Front Door

Moved by Mr Hood }
Seconded by Mr Paterson } and carried
"That Messrs Lilburt, Know, Crook, Craig, Paterson, Barwick, Hood, Mailes, Wharton & Rollings, be appointed a sub-committee to make arrangements for carrying out cheap weekly concerts in the Mechanics' Hall, provided the same can be self supporting."

Notice of Motion was then placed on the Books by Mr Paterson, viz -

That the Committee meet at least once a fortnight, instead of monthly as heretofore, but that the cash accounts continue to be made up to the end of each month as formerly. It was then

agreed, that the Secretary be instructed to obtain a Lamp with reflectors for the door at the front of the Institution, also a zinc spout at the end of the house near Mr Brooks -

The following accounts were then passed and ordered to be paid, viz, Bookbinding £2. 6. 9, J. R. Gregory £2. 9. 6, W. Roycraft salary £8. 6. 8, W. Roberts do £1. 13. 4, J. M. Combs advertising £1. 16. 9, Cleaners do £3. 4, J. D. P. Bousquet do £3. 10. 3, Book £5. 1, A. Rogers, Lecture fee £2. 2, Petty cash £1. 10. 8

The undermentioned gentlemen were then duly elected members of the Institution, viz - Messrs H. Perkins, W. Sharp, John Watts, A. Devlin, W. J. George, Mr Ch. W. Key, W. Chiswick, Paul Taylor, D. W. M. Lumbard, A. Rankin, Robert Hinchey, Geo. Green, J. W. Blundell, R. T. Gibson,

The Meeting then separated

Mr King
Chairman

10th June 1857

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution

Present Messrs Barwick, Craig, Crook, Dow, Kerr, Knowlton, Paterson, Rollings, and Whartow.

Mr Kerr Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed,

Mr Patersons notice of motion was then considered when it was

Moved by Mr Paterson?

Seconded by Mr Dow and carried

"That the committee meet at least once a fortnight instead of monthly as heretofore, but that the cash account continue to be made up to the end of each month as formerly."

Mr Knowlton on behalf of the sub-committee reported that arrangements had been made to carry out cheap weekly concerts the first to be held on Thursday next, it was then

Moved by Mr Crook

Seconded by Mr Knowlton and carried

"That the secretary be instructed not to let the Lecture room for any public meeting whatever without previous payment being made or a written guarantee being given from a responsible party for such payments."

A letter was read from Mr Hodgson resigning his office as a member of the Committee of Management, it was

Moved by Mr Crook

Seconded by Mr Dow and carried

"That Mr Hodgsons resignation be accepted."

Committee to meet every fortnight

Letting of the Lecture Hall

Mr Hodgsons resignation

accounts passed

The following accounts were then passed and ordered to be paid viz, Sydney Herald £3.0.0. St. Pitzker £1.17. Petty cash £1.8.7. W. Keycraft £8.6.8 W. Hobins. £1.13.4. Total. £16.0.7.

New members - 12

The following Gentlemen were then duly admitted members of the Mechanics Institution, viz, Chas. Holmes Wood Bealby, J. Campbell, Robt Butler, W. W. Hipp, G. R. Read, Edw. Norman W. Maris, J. H. Williams Jr. W. Alexmaw, Mr Massell and R. Macfarlane. - 12

The Meeting then separated

2nd July 1857

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution,

Present Messrs Barwick, Crook, Gilbert, Hood, Knowlton, McArthur, Paterson and Whartow

Mr McArthur Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed,

A Letter was then read from Mr R. Rogers relative to a second Lecture which he had prepared on "Ancient Castles of Britain", when it was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to call on Mr Rogers and inform him that the committee had procured a sufficient number of gratuitous Lectures for the present session, and requested he had taken the trouble to prepare the second, at the same time to pay him the sum of £1. as a compensation for the expense he had been at.

R. Rogers Lecture

W. S. Gibbons

A verbal intimation was also received from Mr Gibbons stating, he was willing, to Lecture before the Members of the Institution for a fee of £3-3. The subject to be on Gold and Geology. It was agreed that the same answer should be given him, at the same time intimating that the Committee would bear his proposal in mind. It was then

Moved by Mr Knowlton
Seconded by Mr Wharton & carried.

"That Thursdays in each week be appropriated to the use of the Music Class, sub-Committee for the holding of the weekly concerts."

Moved by Mr Paterson
Seconded by Mr Holling & carried.

"That Mr George Gouge be elected a member of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution in the room of Mr Hoopson resigned."

Dr. Hunter was also proposed but the majority of votes being in favour of Mr Gouge he was declared duly elected, it was

Moved by Mr Wharton
Seconded by Mr Brook & carried.

"That Mr Gilbert be requested to call on the Secretary of the Diocesan Society, and explain the reason the Committee were obliged to occupy the Lecture Hall on Thursdays, at the same time to express their regret that such an arrangement was unavoidable."

The following Notice of Motion was then

Moved by Mr Gouge and seconded by Mr Wharton, viz

"That a special meeting be called to consider the steps necessary for providing an Amphitheatre to devise and authorize means for the collection of the amount required and to authorize the expenditure of such funds as may be so collected for the purpose."

The following Gentlemen were then duly admitted members of the Mechanics' Institution viz

new members

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Messrs C. Purchase, J. W. Nalder, W. L. Lockyer, M. Campbell, Mr Brennan, J. H. Simpson, H. C. Willis, J. L. Huppellby, A. C. Cummins, 9

The Meeting then separated

G. A. Gilbert
Chairman

14th July 1851

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution

Present Messrs Gray, Brook, Dow, Gilbert, Gouge, Haines, Hood, Kerr, Knowlton, Langford, O'Hanelo, Paterson, Rolling, and Wharton.

Mr Gilbert Chairman

The Minutes of the former Meeting having read and confirmed

A Letter was read from Mr Rossin offering to give a course of three Lectures, it was

Moved by Mr Hood
Seconded by Mr Wharton & carried.

"That Mr Rossin's Letter be referred to the Lecture Committee"

The Secretary then informed the Meeting that the Diocesan Society agreed to take the first Friday of each month.

Mr Paterson was then duly proposed a Curator of the Antiquarian and Miscellaneous Department. Mr Kerr was also proposed but the majority of votes being in favour of Mr Paterson he was declared elected in the room of Mr King, resigned."

Mr Rossin
Lecture

Diocesan Society
Fridays

Mr Paterson
elected curator

Thursdays for
concert

Geo Gouge
elected

Diocesan Society

Notice of Motion

Amphitheatre

Proposal of Dr. Hunter

Moved by Mr. Stolling &
Seconded by Mr. Wood & Co.

"In accordance with Rule 32
notice is hereby given that Dr. Hunter will
be proposed as a member of Committee in
the room of Mr. Paterson."

Mr. Crook's notice of motion that a
Special meeting be called to take the
necessary steps for building an amphitheatre
was then read when it was.

Moved by Mr. Wood &
Seconded by Mr. Knorr & carried

"That a sub-committee be appointed
for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions from
the members of the Institution and from the
public generally to enable them to proceed
with the altering of the present building, if
found practicable, and to give full power
to said sub-committee to take measures
for the building of an amphitheatre, a report
of progress to be furnished to the General
Committee at each meeting."

Building Committee
motion carried

upon the foregoing motion the following
amendment was put and lost.

Moved by Mr. Crook &
Seconded by Mr. Craig &

"That a subscription list be immediately
entered into for the purpose of building an
Amphitheatre but that no steps be taken until
two thirds of the amount required be subscribed
and the plans and estimates for the same approved
of by this committee."

amendment lost

Putting for the Motion and 2 for the amendment

Mr. Craig then gave notice of Protest
which is as follows.

I Protest against the foregoing
resolution on the following grounds.

Protest of Mr. Craig

1st Because the present accommodation has
been found amply sufficient for the attendance
on lectures on subjects of a literary and scientific
character, to promote which should be the chief
aim and object of this institution. the additional
accommodation appearing to be wanted for
musical concerts and other objects of secondary
consideration

2nd Because the present position and prospects
of the Institution are satisfactory and stable
and ought not to be rashly meddled with.

3rd Because, assuming such additional
accommodation to be requisite and believing it
would be found impracticable at the present
time, to raise by subscription even a moiety
of the sum required to effect it, and to burden
the Institution with an additional debt would
I conceive be the means, at no distant day,
of crushing it altogether, as under the circumstances,
the Government would withhold that aid which
might otherwise be expected.

4th Because, if the present accommodation be
insufficient, before any alterations in or additions
to the building be made or entered upon,
possession of that portion of it leased to tenants
should be resumed.

5th Because alterations in, or additions to the
building of so extensive a description, and
involving so large an expenditure, is contem-
plated ultra vires of the Committee and ought
not to be undertaken or begun without the
express consent of the general body of
Members.

Melbourne 14th July 1851

Wm. Craig (signed)

Building Committee

Moved by Mr O'Hanell }
Seconded by Mr Wharton } and carried

"That the following gentlemen
be elected a sub-committee to carry out
the objects of the preceding motion viz
Messrs Hood, Hailes, Knowe Wharton
Craig, Crook, Rollings Lilbert and
Peterson and that five form a quorum."

Moved by Mr O'Hanell }
Seconded by Mr Crook } and carried

"That the Institution pay the
sum of £2-17. for six forms for the Lecture
Hall."

accounts passed

The following accounts were then
passed and ordered to be paid viz
D. Hoode £2-2-9. Books £1-19-2. Books £1-10.
Books £4-5-10. Argus office £10-12-9. Town sale £4-0-0
W. Turner £1-7-6. I Campbell 10/6. J. G. Foxton 11/-
Petty cash £5-0-6. W. H. Dalton £21-10-8. Crook
£5-0-0. Hailes and Hale £2-17. W. Roycraft £8-6-8
W. Robins £1-13-4.

new members 5

The following gentlemen were then duly
proposed as members of the Mechanics Institution
viz. Messrs. J. E. O. Rossin, Thomas Gansow, Benjamin
Lucas, Mr Francis and Mr Gallott. Total 5

The Meeting then separated

18th July 1851

At a Special Meeting of the Committee
of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics
Institution.

Present Mr W. Arthur Barwick, Craig
Brook Hailes Hood Knowe Lilbert, O'Hanell, Rollings
Wharton, and Peterson
Mr W. Arthur Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having
been read and confirmed

The Report of the Building Committee
was then read, when it was

Moved by Mr Knowe }
Seconded by Mr Rollings }

"That the report of the sub-committee now
read be received and adopted."

upon the following resolution being put
it was Moved as an amend ment. by Mr O'Hanell

Seconded by Mr Barwick and carried
"That the Curators Dr. Howitt, G. A. Lilbert

Curators to report

Dr. Greenes the Revd A. Morrison and Mr Peterson (three to
form a quorum) be appointed a Committee to enquire
whether without expense to the accommodation of the
present Lecture Hall for concerts and the general use
of the Music Class, it would be advisable and ultimately
for the benefit of the Institution that the partition walls
between the Hall and the adjoining rooms should be
taken down for the purpose of enlarging the Hall
in order to serve well for a Muscu. - provided
that the expense of taking down those partition walls
be defrayed by special subscriptions totally independent
of the general funds of the Institution or from the funds
of the Music class, or both combined.

Moved by Mr Lilbert }
Seconded by Mr Barwick } and carried
"That the report of the Building

Committee be received and further considered after the Report of the Curators"

The Meeting then separated

The following is a copy of the Building Committee Report referred to in the foregoing page. viz:

The Building Committee appointed July 14th beg to report to the General Committee that they adopted the following Resolutions at their meeting held on the 16th instants

Present Messrs Brook Nails Hood Kinnon and Paterson,
Mr Hood Chairman

1st "That the Plans now produced by Mr Wharton be approved of." - the Sub-Committee having examined the partitions between the present Hall and the Library, are of opinion they may be removed with perfect safety; and beg to submit the plan of the proposed alterations.

2nd "That 100 Copies of the heading for the subscription List, now submitted be immediately printed."

3rd "That the Secretary, be instructed to write to the Trustees, Mortgage and Insurance Company giving notice of the proposed alterations in the Building." - The following proposition they beg to refer to the consideration of the General Committee: That all persons not members of the Society, who subscribe £1-1- to the Building of the Amphitheatre shall be considered members of the Institution for the current year, and all persons members or not members who may subscribe £10-10. to the Building fund be considered Life Members.

21 July 1851

A Special Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution

Present Messrs McArthur, Barwick Craig, Brook, Edwards, George Nails, Hood, Kinnon O'Connell Paterson, Pollock and Wharton

Mr McArthur Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting, having been read and confirmed,

The report of the Curators was then read, as follows.

July 15th 1851

The Curators having met and examined the plans and considered the proposal relating to the alteration of the present Lecture Room of the Mechanics' Institution approve of the same, considering such alterations would be advantageous to the Museum.

Alexander Morrison }
A. J. A. Greaves }
James Paterson Signed

Report of
Curators.

it was Moved by Mr Hood &
Seconded by Mr Paterson } and carried

"That in accordance with the Report of the Curators. I beg to move that the contemplated alterations and additions be proceeded with by the Building Committee as soon as the necessary funds are forthcoming from the sources proposed in the resolution of July 13th inst."

Moved by Mr Wharton &
Seconded by Mr George } and carried

"That all persons not members of the Society who subscribe £1. to the Building

of the Amphitheatre shall be considered
Members of the Institution for one year
upon payment of the usual entrance fee
and all persons members or not-Members
who may subscribe £10-10, to the Pensionary
Fund be considered Life Members.

Moved by Mr Hood

Seconded by Mr Hocking and carried

"That the heading of a subscription
list as proposed and printed be approved of
and that this Committee request the President
to sign the same so that parties collecting
subscriptions may do so under the direct
sanction of the Committee. and that a copy
be sent to each member of committee with
a request that he will use his utmost
endeavours to obtain subscriptions.

A Letter was then read from the Secretary
of the Union Building Society, requesting to
rent the Hall for the purpose of holding their
meetings therein, and to be informed what sum the
Committee would charge per night, it was

Moved by Mr Paterson

Seconded by Mr Crook and carried

"That the Secretary be instructed
to let the Lecture Room to the Union Building
Society, at the rate of One guinea and a half
per night until the end of the current year."

A Letter was likewise read from Messrs
Hockings and Jenill requesting to rent the Lecture
Hall for the purpose of exhibiting a view of the
Burra Burra Mines therein when the Committee
requested Messrs Barwick Crook and Paterson to
go and see the exhibition, at the same time
authorizing them to let the Hall if they approved
of it.

The Meeting then separated
G. A. Gilbert
Chairman

15th August 1851

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Melbourne
Mechanics Institution

Present Messrs Crook, Barwick, Lilbert,
Gouge, Hood, Kerr, Knoss, Farrell and Paterson

Mr Lilbert Chairman

The Minutes of the former Meeting having
been read and confirmed.

A Letter was then read from the Secretary
of the Union Building Society, stating that the
Committee of that Society had agreed to the proposal
offered of renting the Hall on the 2^d Sunday of
each month at the rate of one guinea and a half
per night.

The Minutes of the Building and Council
Committees were then read and approved of.

The Secretary then read a Memorandum
of an agreement entered into (in accordance with the
instruction of the sub-committee) with the Messrs
Hockings and Jenill for the occupation of the Lecture
room for the purpose of exhibiting a view of the
Burra Burra Mines therein, it was

Moved by Mr Barwick

Seconded by Mr Hood and carried

"That Dr Hunter be elected a Member
of the Committee of Management, Vice Mr Paterson
elected a Curator."

It having been shown that Mr John
Smith had vacated his seat as a Member of the
Committee in accordance with Rule 27. - it was

Moved by Mr Kerr

Seconded by Mr Paterson

"That in accordance with Rule 32
notice is hereby given that Mr John M. Farlane

is proposed as a Member of Committee in the room of Mr. Smith."

Moved by Mr Gilbert
Seconded by Mr Hood

"That in accordance with Rule 32 - notice is hereby given that Mr Henry J. Hart is proposed as a Member of Committee in the room of Mr. J. Smith" it was then

Moved by Mr Knowlton
Seconded by Mr Kerr and carried

"That a sum of fifteen pounds be appropriated for the fixing of Ventilators in the ceiling for the extension of the platform to the back wall and for the proper arrangement of the Museum cases to be expended under the direction of the Building Committee."

Moved by Mr Kerr
Seconded by Mr O'Farrell and carried

"That the sum of ten pounds be placed at the disposal of the Building Committee for the purpose of procuring funds."

The following accounts were then passed and ordered to be paid, viz - Herald office £4-4-9. Daily News £1-18-6. Times office £3-9-3. J. A. M. Smith £1-19-4. Wax Seal £3-3-. J. Newman £8-11-. S. A. Gregory £2-17-3. L. Hood £1-5-8. J. Brisbane £2-18-9. R. G. Smith £1/3. W. L. Coycraft £8-6-8. W. Robins £1-13-4. Petty cash £3-5-11.

The following Gentlemen were then duly proposed and elected Members of the Mechanics' Institution, viz, Messrs. J. Hobson, J. B. Bunell, R. S. W. Moody, Chas. Greenhill, Ad. Brodie, J. A. Porter, R. H. Walker.

The Meeting then separated

Henry Morrison
Chairman 02 Sep 1851

12th September 1851

Open Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution

Present Messrs Barwick, Craig, Dow, Edwards, Gilbert, Gough, Hunter, Hood, Nelson, Mr. Arthur, Morrison, Paterson and Wharton.

Mr Morrison Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed.

A Letter was read from Mr A. Thorpe presenting certain fossils to be added to the Museum of the Institution, it was

Moved by Mr Gough
Seconded by Mr Gilbert and carried

"That the fossils presented by Mr Thorpe be placed in the Museum and the thanks of this Committee conveyed to Mr Thorpe."

The Minutes of the Building and Concert Committees were then read, it was

Moved by Mr Hood
Seconded by Mr Gough and carried

"That the use of the Hall every Monday evening be granted to the Music class."

Moved by Mr Hood
Seconded by Mr Gilbert and carried

"That a sinking or consolidating fund be established for the purpose of paying off the Mortgage as soon as possible and that the Members of Committee be empowered to receive donations for that purpose, and to hand the same over to the Treasurer."

Moved by Mr Hood
Seconded by Mr Knowlton and carried

"That a sub-committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, & respectfully to request

him to place a sum on the Estimates for 1852 for the purpose of assisting in building a Lecture Hall for the Mechanics Institution said sub-Committee to consist of the President vice President. Messrs Barwick, Dow, and Wood."

Moved by Dr Hunter }
Seconded by Mr Paterson } and Carried
"That the Secretary do ascertain the period when the Mortgage is due."

Moved by Mr Gilbert }
Seconded by Mr Wharton } and Carried
"That the Building Committee be empowered to effect such repairs in the roof of the Institution as shall appear necessary and that the colouring of the present Lecture Hall be likewise proceeded with at a cost not exceeding ten pounds."

Moved by Mr Hood }
Seconded by Dr Hunter } and Carried
"That the Secretary be instructed to employ a person as often as necessary for the purpose of keeping the Hall in a proper state of cleanliness"

Moved by Mr Barwick }
"That the Secretary write to his Excellency Charles Joseph Paterson informing him that the Committee of the Mechanics Institution are desirous that his Portrait should be taken for the Institution (being the first Governor of Victoria) and that Mr Strutt the Artist be allowed to wait on his Excellency for that purpose."

As an amendment it was
Moved by Mr McArthur }
Seconded by Mr Hood } and Carried
"That the consideration of Mr Barwick's motion be deferred until after the Deputation wait on His Excellency relative to a Grant for the erection of a Lecture Hall."

The following accounts were then passed and ordered to be paid by

E. Arnold Books £1.19. - D Harrison do 16/12. H Davis do 15/-
E Cohen do £3.10.3. Ruyter do £1.12. Jackson & Co. Carvers £4.12.6
Form £10. - W Roycraft £8.6.8 W. Robins £1.13.4.

The following Gentlemen were then duly proposed and elected Members of the Mechanics Institution viz
Dr Motherwell, R. J. Blackston and Thos. Purnell. 3.

The Meeting then Separated
I. C. McArthur
Secretary

30th September 1851

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution.

Present Messrs Brook, Dow, Gilbert, Craig, Hood, Hunter, Know, Mr Arthur, T. Farrell, Paterson, and Rolling. Mr McArthur Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed,

The President then informed the Meeting that in accordance with the request of the Committee at the previous meeting, the Deputation had waited on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor who had most graciously received them, but requested that the application then made for a sum to be placed on the estimates for the year 1852, towards the erection of a Lecture Hall, should be put in writing, when he would give it his best consideration, the President then read a copy of the letter forwarded to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, setting forth the past and also the present prospects of the Institution, it was

Moved by Dr Hunter }
Seconded by Mr Brook } and Carried

"That a vote of thanks be given to the Deputation for the exertion they had used in carrying out the wishes of the Committee."

The President also informed the meeting that the Mortgage to the Savings Bank had been some time overdue, that the Mortgage had been executed for 3 years on the 2nd of January 1844 that he had seen the Secretary, from whom he understood there was no doubt that it would remain as heretofore the Institution paying the debt off at their own convenience and that a letter to that effect would be forwarded as soon as the board met. It was

Moved by Dr Hunter {
Seconded by Mr Knox } and carried

"That this committee record a vote of thanks to the President for the trouble and zealous exertion he had manifested in bringing this matter to such an advantageous conclusion."

The Notice of Motion Moved by Dr Hunter was then read viz "That the hour of seven o'clock in the evening for holding the Committee meetings of the Institution is inconvenient and that it be altered to eight o'clock." - it was

Seconded by Mr Wood,
as an amendment, it was,

Moved by Mr Dow {
Seconded by Mr Phillips } and carried

"That the hour of Meeting be 7 past 7 o'clock instead of at 7 o'clock as formerly."

Moved by Mr Knox {
Seconded by Mr Paterson } and carried

"That tenders be called for immediately from all the Booksellers in town for the supply of the periodicals and newspapers necessary for the Institution, for the year 1852 with a view to despatching with the agency in England."

Mr O'Hanell then gave notice that on the next night of Meeting, he would move the adoption of the following Resolution. viz. -

"That inasmuch as that the business performed by the Committee of the Mechanics' Institution is of great importance, and interest, to the Members generally, the different Newspapers proprietors in Melbourne be invited to send reporters to the general Committee Meetings in order to give publicity to their proceedings."

Mr Crook also moved the following motion viz. "That a further Policy of insurance be effected for £500. on the Building and £500. for the Books and Furniture."

The following accounts were then passed and ordered to be paid viz. - Insurance £5.10. Pensioners' union £2.2. Interest on Mortgage £20. Woycraft £8.6.8 W. Robins. £1.13.4.

The following Electors were then duly proposed and elected Members of the Institution. viz
J. L. Brodie, Albert Read, Capt. Mair and S. Shea. 4

The Meeting then separated
D. L. M. H. H. H.
President

15th October 1857

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management
of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution

Present Messrs Craig, George, Hood
Hunter, Morison, McArthur, M^{rs} Haslam, O'Farrell, Rollings
and Wharton,
Mr McArthur Chairman

The Minutes of the former Meeting having
been read and confirmed.

In accordance with a Resolution passed
at the last meeting, "That Letters be requested from
the Booksellers of Melbourne for the supply of British
Newspapers and Periodicals for the Melbourne Mechanics
Institution for the year 1852. Several letters were
then read when it was,

Moved by Mr Craig }
Seconded by Dr Hunter } And Carried

"That Mr Pullard be accepted
provided he give reasonable security for the early
delivery of the Periodicals and Newspapers."

With reference to the Notice of Motion placed
on the Books at the previous meeting by Mr O'Farrell
proposing to invite the Newspaper Proprietors to
send Reports to the Committee Meetings, it was
after due consideration, as an amendment,

Moved by Mr George }
Seconded by Mr O'Farrell } And Carried

"That the Secretary draw up a brief
digest of the business transacted at the Monthly
Meetings of this Committee, submit it to the
supervision of the President, or Vice President
and send it to the various Newspapers for publication
as news."

The following notice of motion from the
former meeting was also in the absence of Mr
Brook.

Moved by Mr Wood }
Seconded by Dr Hunter } And Carried

"That a further policy of Insurance be effected
for £500. on the Building, and £500. on the Books and
furniture."

An application from Mr Budder for the
use of the Lecture Hall on Monday evening next for the
purpose of holding a Concert therein was laid before the
meeting it was,

Moved by Mr Wood }
Seconded by Dr Hunter } And Carried

"That the Hall be given to Mr Budder
on Monday night next to give a concert, on the usual
terms"

The following gentlemen were then
duly proposed and elected Members of the Mechanics
Institution. Messrs R. N. Rogers L. C. Dunn,
J. W. Burnley, A. M. Kinnon, Edward Arnold, & 5.

The Meeting then separated
J. C. M. Arthur
Chairman

5th November 1857

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management
of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution

Present Messrs Craig, Dow, Edwards, Gilbert,
George, Hunter, Kerr, McArthur, M^{rs} Haslam,
O'Farrell, Rollings and Wharton.

Mr McArthur Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having
been read and confirmed.

It was resolved that Mr Pullard own
guarantee would be sufficient for the due delivery
of the British newspapers and Periodicals.

A letter was read from Mr Paterson resigning
his office as a member of the concert committee.

it was Moved by Mr Edward }
seconded by Mr M^{rs} Milam } and carried
"That the resignation of Mr Paterson be
accepted" -

A Letter was also read from the Secretary
of the Savings Bank stating that the request of the
Committee contained in their communication of the 16th of September
had received the concurrence of the Vice President and
Trustees.

The Policies of Insurance for £2000 paid
to October 1852. were then laid before the Meeting.
Two horse Posts were then ordered to be
procured for the front of the Institution. not to exceed
more than £1 each.

An application from Mrs Leston for the
use of Lecture Hall to give a concert, was then
received when it was

Moved by Mr Gilbert }
seconded by Mr Wharton } and carried
"That considering the long continued
services of Mrs Leston to the Music Class of the
Institution, the use of the Hall be granted to her
gratuitously on any Monday evening for the
purpose of holding a concert therein." -

The following notices of motions were then
Moved by Dr Hunter. viz That the seats of the Hall
be backed in a substantial and workmanlike manner
and otherwise so altered and improved as to make
them easy of arrangement in a methodical and
perfect manner.

That Mr Roycroft be instructed during
the nights of Lecture to stand at the Hall door
and show parties to the different seats = also to attend
to the ventilation of the Room during those Meetings.

The Minutes of the former Meeting of the
Music Class were then read and confirmed.

The Treasurers accounts for the past month
was then read, showing an increase of £61¹⁵ 8 to the
fund of the Institution as compared with the corresponding

month in the past year. -

The following accounts were then passed
and ordered to be paid. viz W. Gardner for repairs of Binding
£32⁵. I. Hoare 18/3. I. Hoare 9⁸. Bookbinding £6¹⁰
Adelaide Paper £1¹⁵. I. Hoare £1¹⁰. Argus Office £6³.
M. Roycroft £8⁶ 8. W. Roberts £1¹³ 4. Petty Cash £5⁴.
being a total of £64⁰ 9. -

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected
Members of the Mechanics Institution, viz James Shaw
and Geo Wilson

The Meeting then Separated

G. Gilbert. A. P.
Chairman

24th November 1852

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of
the Mechanics Institution

Present Messrs Craig, Edward, Gilbert
Gouge, Hunter, Hood, M^{rs} Milam, O'Hane, and
Wharton,

Mr Gilbert - Chairman

The Minutes of the former Meeting having
been read and confirmed,

A Letter was read from Mr Dalton acknowledging
the receipt of £51. forwarded to him on the 11th of
February last and which he had placed to the credit
of the Institution.

The following notices of Motion
placed on the books by Dr Hunter at the previous
Meeting were then read and considered. viz

"That Mr Roycroft be instructed during the
nights of Lecture to stand at the Hall door and
show parties to the different seats, also to attend

To the ventilation of the room during the Meetings
to which Motion When was no seconder,

2^o "That the seats of the Hall be backed in a
substantial and workmanlike manner and otherwise
so altered and improved as to make them easy of
arrangement in a methodical and perfect manner,
the above was moved by Dr Hunter }
Secoed by Mr Edward }
When as an amendment it was

Moved by Mr O'Harell }
Secoed by Mr Wharton } And carried
"That Mr Royce be instructed to
make inquiry as to the probable expense of putting
backs to the remaines of the seats of the Lecture Hall
and to report to the next general Meeting."

On a Complaint from Mr Crook relation to
the drainage of the Institution and flowing into
this, also to the unsafe state of the foundation of the
Institution it was

Moved by Dr Hunter }
Secoed by Mr George } And carried
"That Mr Siltist and Mr Wharton
be appointed to inquire into the drainage of the
Institution and have full power given to them
to see the measures carried into effect which
may be found necessary."

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected
Members of the Mechanics' Institution, viz
George Hayward, and Tom Brew.

The Meeting then separated

John Edward
Chairman

December 10th 1851

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of the
Melbourne Mechanics' Institution.

Present Messrs Edward Hunter, Mess Knorr
Mr Harlaw, Mr Farrell and Wharton,
Mr Edward Chairman

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been
read and confirmed,

Mr Wharton reported that he had examined
the foundation, as also the overflow of water from the
Institution yard into Mr Crook's, but at present on
account of the scarcity of labour it would be, he
believed impossible to have it remedied.

The Secretary, also stated that in accordance
with the instructions received at the last meeting, he
had made inquiry as to the likely cost of backing the
seats in the Lecture Hall, but was unable to give
an answer, as those to whom he had applied,
had even refused at present to take a contract, at
any price, it was

Moved by Mr O'Harell }
Secoed by Mr George } And carried
"That the reports be received."

An offer from Mr Robson to Lecture
before the Members of the Institution, requesting a fee
of at least £2.2. per lecture, also a number of
advertisements and showing where he had
lectured in England were laid before the Meeting,

it was Moved by Dr Hunter }
Secoed by Mr George }
"That the question of Mr Robson lecturing on
any subject here be discussed in the General Committee."

As an amendment to the foregoing Motion it was
Moved by Mr Wharton }
Secoed by Mr O'Harell } And carried

That the application from Mr Robson
to lecture for the Institution be referred to the Lecture
Committee. it was

Moved by Mr Kern,
Seconded by Mr O'Hanell } And carried

"That the salary of the boy employed
in the Reading room be advanced to ten shillings and
six pence per week from the present date

The following notice of Motion was then
placed on the Books by Mr O'Hanell, viz.

I now give notice that I shall move at
the next General Committee meeting of this Institution
that the sum of two pounds two shillings per night,
be charged for the use of the Lecture Hall, for occasional
meetings to any party, or society, to whom it shall
be let, with this exception that only half that sum
per night be charged when the Hall shall be let
for a charitable or benevolent purpose, and that
every tenancy which may hereafter be created
with any company or society be terminated at
the end of the year in which the agreement shall
be entered into or at an earlier period

Miss M M Seldow was then duly elected
a Member of the Institution

The following accounts were then duly passed
and ordered to be paid, viz Books £ 15-13-6
Petty cash £ 5-1-0 W Roycroft £ 8-6-8 W Robins
£ 1-13-4 Total £ 30-14-6

The Meeting then separated
W Kern
Chairman

30th December 1851

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management
of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution

Present Messrs Craig, Dow, Hailes, Morison,
O'Hanell, Paterson and Rollings.
Mr Craig Chairman

The Minutes of the former meeting having
been read and confirmed.

The notice of Motion placed on the Books by
Mr O'Hanell at the last meeting was then read
when after certain alterations the following resolution
was.

Moved by Mr O'Hanell }
Seconded by Mr Paterson } And carried

That the sum of two pounds two shillings
per night be charged for the use of the Lecture Hall
for occasional meetings to any party or society to
whom it shall be let. - with this exception that only
half that sum per night be charged when the Hall
shall be let for a charitable or benevolent purpose"

Rent of Hall to be
£ 2-2-0
but for
Charitable Institution
£ 1-1-0

Moved by Mr Rollings }
Seconded by Mr Hailes } And carried

"That Messrs Dow, Morison, Mr Arthur,
O'Hanell and Paterson, be requested to draw up the
annual Reports"

The following notice of Motion
was then placed on the Books by Mr Paterson, viz

That the Secretary be instructed to give due
notice to the Corporation that after the termination
of the current term, the rent will be increased to £ 25.

The following accounts were then passed
and ordered to be paid, viz Herald office £ 3-6-6 Books
£ 2-9-10 Hailes and Hale £ 5-14-0 W Roycroft £ 8-6-8
W Robins £ 2-5-6 Petty cash £ 1-7-5

The Meeting then separated
W Kern
Chairman